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SUBJECT: TEXTS ON DISPLAY BEFORE THE APRIL 5 TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOW ROUGH TRANSLATIONS OF POEMS AND OTHER TEXTS SELECTED FROM AMONG THOSE DISPLAYED IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE DURING THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APRIL 5 INCIDENT AND COPIED DOWN BY DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS WHO JOINED THE CROWDS OF CHINESE EAGERLY MAKING COPIES. THE SELECTIONS SHOW, IN ADDITION TO REVERENCE FOR THE LATE PERMIER, CONTEMPT FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD SEEK TO TARNISH HIS MEMORY, AND ANTIPATHY TOWARD ANYONE WHO WOULD OPPOSE HIS DESIGN FOR CHINA'S FUTURE. THE POEMS OFTEN DISPLAY THE "DECADENT" FLAVOR REFERRED TO IN THE NCNA APRIL 7 ACCOUNT OF THE TIEN AN MEN SQUARE INCIDENT, USING OLD LITERARY FORMS AND ALLUSIONS THAT ARE REMARKABLY IN VIEW OF THE CLAIMED AUTHORSHIP BY YOUNG WORKERS AND STUDENTS. A VARIANT
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PORTION OF ONE POEM (PARA 5) WAS CARRIED IN THE NCNA APRIL 7

ACCOUNT, INDICATING EITHER THAT THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE VERSION ON THE SQUARE OR, MORE LIKELY, THAT NCNA EXPUNGED REFERENCES TO CHOU EN-LAI, CHINGKANGSHAN, AND OTHER DELICATE TOPICS. THE POSTER ADDRESSED TO THE SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER WEN HUI PAO (PARA.3) APPEARS TO BE REACTING TO ARTICLES IN THAT PAPER, BUT DOES NOT DISCLOSE THEIR CONTENTS. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 2 THE FOLLOWING TWO COUPLETS WERE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON FOUR LARGE PLACARDS--TWO ON EITHER SIDE OF A LARGE WREATH WITH CHOU'S PICTURE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RED FIELD IN THE SHAPE OF CHINA--ON THE HIGHEST LEDGE OF THE BASE TO THE MARTYRS' MONUMENT'S OBELISK, FACING NORTH TOWARD TIEN AN MEN. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GY HONG KONG (4184), THE PLACARDS HAD BEEN REMOVED BY THE MORNING OF APRIL 3. THE WREATH REMAINED ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHERS THAT HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE LEDGE BY THEM. THE PLACARDS AND THE ASSOCIATED WREATH WERE REPORTEDLY FROM THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

"HIS RED HEART HAS FOUND VICTORIOUS FRUITION. HIS LOYALTY AND NOBILITY BLOOM AGAIN AS REVOLUTIONARY FLOWERS. IF FREAKS AND DEMONS SPEW OUT POISONOUS FLAMES, THEN MEN MUST CAPTURE THESE SPIRITS (STC 1179) AND STRIKE DOWN THESE GHOSTS." A LARGE BANNER SEEN NEAR THE MONUMENT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 4 SAID: "IF SPIRITS AND DEMONS (1179,7621) BLOW UP SQUALLS, THE PEOPLE WILL BE ANGERED AND WIPE THEM OUT."

3. WE FORMALLY ACCUSE THE "WEN HUI PAO" (NO AUTHOR) IN 1957 YOU CARRIED OUT FRENZIED ATTACKS ON THE PARTY IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH BOURGEOIS RIGHTISTS. NOW YOU HAVE THE GALL TO ERASE THE PREMIER'S (STC 7344 6101). YOUR STUPIDITY AND EVIL HAVE NOT CHANGED. WHAT MAKES YOU SO CONTRARY? WHAT MONSTROUS BRATS ARE YOU SPAWNING? WHAT CLASS ARE YOU SERVING? WHOSE ASCENDANCY ARE YOU PROMOTING? JUST OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK* THE PREMIER ENJOYED THE LOYAL AFFECTION OF ALL THE PEOPLE. WHOEVER OPPOSES HIM WILL HAVE HIS HEAD BASHED IN* OUR ADVICE TO YOU IS: DON'T ACT LIKE MAD DOGS YAPPING AT THE SUN. THE RED SUN WILL NOT CHANGE ITS COLOR. OUR ADVICE TO YOU IS: DON'T ACT LIKE A PUNY PRAYING MANTIS TRYING TO STOP A CHARIOT WITH ITS ARMS. THE WHEEL OF HISTORY
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WILL NOT STOP TURNING. OUR ADVICE TO YOU IS: DON'T BE LIKE FUTILE FLIES BUMPING AGAINST A WALL. THE BRONZE BATTLEMENTS OF COUNTLESS RED HEARTS WILL NEVER FALL. IF YOU STICK TO YOUR OPPOSITION AND CARRY ON WITH YOUR CRIME, THE NUMBERLESS MASSES, WITH THE STRENGTH OF A GUSHING TORRENT, WILL BURY YOU WITH THEIR RAGE. (NOTE: ANOTHER TEXT ENTITLED "WEN HUI PAO'S BOURGEOIS DIRECTION--IT MUST BE CRITICIZED" INCLUDED THESE LINES: "THE MARCH 25 ARTICLE IN WEN HUI PAO

STIRS US TO ANGER...ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE THEY SINGING THE COUNTER-SONG?" YET ANOTHER INCLUDED THE STATEMENT: "WE WILL NOT PUT UP WITH THE WEN HUI PAO ARTICLE OF MARCH 25.")

4. A SONG OFFERED TO PREMIER CHOU APRIL 2, 1976 (BY AN ALLOY FACTORY)

...OH BITTER CHILL WIND* HOW CAN YOU BLOW AWAY THE LOFTY PEAK? OH FLOWING SANDS OF TIME* YOU CANNOT (ERODE) OUR LONGING FOR THE PREMIER...AS YOU ARE AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNIST FIGHTER, IT FOLLOWS THAT THERE MUST BE PEOPLE IN GLOOMY CORNERS WHO REVILE YOU. JUST LOOK, PLEASE. THE RENEGADES IN THE KREMLIN WERE IN A TERRIBLE QUANDARY WHEN YOU PASSED AWAY. THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY PRAISE YOU AND THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY CURSE YOU, SO THEY SIMPLY USED PAGE FOUR TO PUBLISH THE NEWS, WITHOUT COMMENT, PRETENDING TO BE DEAF AND DUMB...THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN THIS HEAP OF HISTORICAL GARBAGE WILL BE PUNISHED BY THE PEOPLE...YOUR ASHES HAVE BEEN SCATTERED IN THE MOTHERLAND'S RIVERS AND STREAMS. AS THE REVOLUTIONARY TORRENT SURGES IN FOAMY CRESTS, WE SHALL SCATTER YOUR ASHES TOWARDS TAIWAN, REGAINING OUR SACRED ISLE AND UNIFYING CHINA. YOUR ASHES HAVE BEEN SCATTERED IN OUR HEARTS, CONTINUING THE REVOLUTION. AYE, YOUR SPIRIT PERVADES THE UNIVERSE. LET REVOLUTIONARY SEEDS BLOSSOM FORTH. LET US UNIFY AND DO BATTLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, REVISIONISM, AND HEGEMONY; AND IF WE ARE ALIVE IN THE YEAR 2000, WE SHALL REMOLD CHINA'S FEATURES WITH OUR OWN HANDS, AND CALL OUT TO YOU IN CLARION VOICE...

5. MOURNING PREMIER CHOU AT CHING MING (UNSIGNED)

(NOTE: LINES FOUND ALSO IN THE APRIL 7 NCNA ACCOUNT OF THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT ARE SET OFF BY "BEGIN NCNA" AND "END NCNA.")

...YOUR HEROIC SPIRIT STILL CANNOT FIND PEACE*...STORMCLOUDS ARE ROLLING, AND SPIRITS WEEP. WHEN THE GREAT STAR FELL, HEAVEN AND EARTH GRIEVED, AND FLAGS WENT TO HALF-MAST IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD. BUT THAT LAUGHABLE GANG OF CLOWNS HASN'T MEASURED ITS OWN STRENGTH AND MADLY SCHEMES TO REVERSE (VERDITCS) AGAIN. THE SMALL OF BLOOD IS IN THE AIR. THEY

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PUT ON A REAL SHOW FOR US, GORILLAS WITH HATS, JABBERING AND CHATTERING. WHAT THINGS* THEY ARE LIKE ANTS TRYING TO EMBRACE A HUAI TREE WITH THEIR PUNY ARMS, LIKE ANTS TRYING TO SHAKE A TREE AND BOASTING HOW EASY IT IS. JUST LET THOSE GUYS TAKE A LOOK AT THE FLOWERS COVERING TIEN AN MEN LIKE SNOW, AT THE TEARS FALLING LIKE RAIN UNDER THE MARTYRS' MONUMENT. YOU DON'T REMEMBER, BUT WE DO. YOU DON'T MAKE ANY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS, BUT WE DO. THE PREMIER'S SPIRIT WILL BE PASSED ON TO TEN THOUSAND GENERATIONS AS OUR SONS AND GRANDSONS RAISE THE RED FLAG. (BEGIN NCNA) CHINA IS NO LONGER THE CHINA OF YORE, AND THE PEOPLE

ARE NO LONGER WRAPPED IN SHEER IGNORANCE. GONE FOR GOOD IS CHIN SHIH HUANG'S FEUDAL SOCIETY. WE BELIEVE IN MARXISM-LENINISM. TO HELL WITH THOSE SCHOLARS WHO EMASCULATE MARXISM-LENINISM* WHAT WE WANT IS GENUINE MARXISM-LENINISM. FOR THE SAKE OF GENUINE MARXISM-LENINISM, WE FEAR NOT SHEDDING OUR BLOOD AND LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES. (END NCNA). WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF AGAIN GOING UP TO CHINGKANSHAN. WE SHALL CARRY OUT THE PREMIER'S CONFIDENTIAL

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LAST WISHES. (BEGIN NCNA) THE DAY MODERNIZATION IN FOUR FIELDS IS REALIZED, WE WILL COME BACK TO OFFER LIBATIONS AND SACRIFICES. (END NCNA AND OUR TEXT)

6. UNTITLED (BY A YOUNG WORKER)

AS CHING MING APPROACHES, CHINA ONCE AGAIN FEELS DEEP GRIEF. THOUGH A GLOOMY MIST SEEMS TO SPREAD EVERYWHERE, AND WILD DEMONS SHRIEK AND WAIL WITHIN, YET YOU FLAP YOUR TONGUES ABOUT SETTLING SCROES AND REVERSING VERDICTS. YEN LO, THE KING OF HELL, AND THE FIVE EMPERORS HAVE HUMBLY SURRENDERED. BUT IF WE ERASE (THE MEMORY OF) CHUNG K'UEI, PROTECTOR AGAINST DEMONS, THEN WHAT WILL WE BE ABLE TO DO?* THE GOLDEN PHEASANT MOUNTS TO THE SUMMIT AND CROWS THRICE. THE RISING SUN ILLUMINATES A WORLD WHERE HEROES ETERNALLY RESIDE. LET US CARRY OUT THE PREMIER'S LAST WISHES.

7. RISE UP (UNSIGNED)

THREE PEOPLE ARE JUST A HANDFUL, ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE 800 MILLION DO YOU HAVE A MULTITUDE. BLAD KHRUSHCHEVS ON THE TANGTZE ARE STIRRING UP ADVERSE CURRENTS. LET US DARE TO GO AGAINST THE TIDE AND SHATTER THEIR BOURGEOIS DREAMS.

8. CHING MING (UNSIGNED)

IN TIMES PAST PEOPLE WITH THEIR FRIENDS SWEPT THE GRAVES. THIS MORNING, ON THE FESTIVAL OF CHING MING, WE MOURN THE PREMIER. THE RIGHT-DEVIATIONIST WIND IS SORELY ISOLATED, WHO CAN OPPOSE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE?

9. MOURNING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI (BY A MEMBER OF THE PLA GENERAL STAFF DEPARTMENT)

THE ADVERSE WINDS ARE COLD. ETERNAL HEAVEN CRIES OUT IN GRIEF AT THE FALL OF THE STATE'S PILLAR. ALL CHINA'S HEART IS BROKEN. HE HAS FINISHED HIS HEAVENLY AUDIENCE WITH MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN AND RETURNED TO LEAP INTO OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS, AS SPRING RAIN NOURISHING ALL OF CHINA.

10. NO TITLE (UNSIGNED)

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...HOW CAN A FEW GOBLINS AND CARRION-EATING ELVES DARE DO BATTLE WITH THE POWER OF CHINA'S MILLIONS?* LET'S RAISE OUR SPEARS AND SEIZE THESE THIEVES*

11. UNTITLED (BY A PEKING STUDENT)

...RAISE YOUR VIGILANCE. TAKE THE LONG-RANGE VIEW. A BLACK WIND IS ONCE AGAIN BREWING. LOOK WITH ANGRY EYES TO THE NORTHWEST. WHO LIVES THERE AND DOES NOT BRING FLOWERS TO OFFER? (NOTE: CHUNGNANHAI, THE RESIDENTIAL ENCLAVE OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN

MAO AND HIS WIFE CHIANG CHING, IS TO THE NORTHWEST OF TIEN AN MEN SQUARE). LET THE ENTIRE PEOPLE UNIFY WITH ONE HEART DECLARE WAR ON THE RENEGADES. PROTECT THE PREMIER. FEAR NO STORMS. WHY FEAR BEING BEHEADED? SERVE THE NATION WELL, AND FEAR NOT THE CALUMNIES OF THIEVING MINISTERS.

12. FROM "SIX POEMS" MOURNING PREMIER CHOU (UNSIGNED)

...(PREMIER CHOU), YOU DARED TO FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY WITH DEMONS AND MONSTERS, AND YIELDED NOT ONE INCH TO TYRANTS. (HOW CAN THEY SAY) THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOVIET REVISIONISM, AND THAT YOU TOLERATED AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, (NOTE: WE HAVE HEARD THAT OTHER TEXTS PRAISED CHOU FOR EARLY EXPOSURE OF KHRUSCHEV'S TRUE COLORS AND FOR HAVING CRITICIZED AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AT THE FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE.)

13. NO TITLE. (BY "YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, A COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE UNIT")

... HE GAVE HIS LOYAL HEART AND HIS LAST DROP OF BLOOD FOR THE REVOLUTION, AND HIS GREAT SPIRIT MOVED THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD...HIS SHARP EYES SAW RIGHT THROUGH THESE CAREERISTS AND SCHEMERS. THOSE WOMEN (LIT. "THEY" WITH A FEMALE RADICAL) HAD TO WAIT UNTIL YOU HAD GONE TO YOUR ETERNAL REST BEFORE LEAPING OUT TO ATTACK YOU, VILIFYING YOU AND SAYING THAT YOU SCHEMED TO TURN CHINA INTO A SECOND RUSSIA. THIS IS A DREAM OF CHINA'S KHRUSHCHEVS THAT WILL NEVER BE REALIZED*...YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL CERTAINLY

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CARRY OUT YOUR LAST WISHES, COMPLETE YOUR GRAND DESIGN AND FINISH YOUR GREAT ENTERPRISE*

14. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS, EXTRACTS OR SUMMARIES WERE PASSED TO USLO FROM OTHER EMBASSIES IN ENGLISH. LETTERS DESIGNATE SEPARATE TEXTS.

A. SUMMARY OF A POSTER BY "A PROLETARIAN"

WE MADE WREATHS, WROTE POEMS, AND PREPARED TO COME TO THE MARTYRS' MEMORIAL IN ORDER TO MOURN BELOVED PREMIER CHOU. BUT ON APRIL 3 THE KHRUSHCHEV-STYLE CAREERISTS IN THE PARTY, WITH EVIL IN THEIR HEARTS, BEGAN TO SHOW THEIR TRUE COLORS. THEY TRIED TO STOP US COMING. THESE CONSPIRATORS USE MARXISM AS A GUISE FOR THEIR EVIL INTENTIONS. THE ACTIONS OF THESE "MARXIST" TRAITORS WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE. THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE PARTY...AND THE PEOPLE ARE DISSATISFIED. WE ARE PREMIER CHOU'S SUCCESSORS.

B. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL HALL FOR PREMIER CHOU

(SUMMARY).

WE SUGGEST THAT A MEMORIAL HALL TO PREMIER CHOU BE
BUILT WITH VOLUNTARY LABOR BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION AT THE WORKERS'
PALACE OF CULTURE.

SIGNED BY SOME SOLDIERS OF A BORDER UNIT
(SOME STUDENTS HAD RESPONDED BY STICKING MONEY
UP BESIDE IT)

C. WHO IS TRYING TO REVERSE THE VERDICT ON PREMIER CHOU?

(1) WE SWEAR TO UNITE, AND PROTECT CHAIRMAN MAO AND
PREMIER CHOU.

(2) UNITE AND OPPOSE ALL FALSE MARXIST-LENINISTS, AND CARRY THE
STRUGGLE AGAINST REVISIONISM THROUGH TO THE END.

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(3) WE ALL MOURN PREMIER CHOU.

(4) WE WILL FIGHT A BLOODY BATTLE AGAINST WHOEVER ATTACKS
OUR PREMIER CHOU OR WANTS TO REVERSE THE VERDICTS ON PREMIER
CHOU.

(5) BE SPECIALLY VIGILANT AGAINST KHRUXHCHEV-TYPE CAREERISTS AND CONSPIRATORS. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE LIKE THAT TO USURP LEADING POWER IN PARTY AND STATE. THE CHINESE PEOPLE WANT CHAIRMAN MAO. THE CHINESE PEOPLE WANT PREMIER CHOU. THE CHINESE PEOPLE DON'T WANT KHRUSHCHEV.

(6) WHOEVER OPPOSES THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS IS DIGGING HIS OWN GRAVE.

(7) WHAT IS THE GREATEST PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT? THE GREATEST PROBLEM IS: WHERE IS CHINA GOING? WHOSE POWER IS THE GREATEST? THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE UNITED.

(8) WE SHOULD LEARN FROM PREMIER CHOU AND RESPOND TO CHAIRMAN MAO'S CALL REGARDING AFFAIRS OF STATE. CARRY THROUGH THE REVOLUTION TO THE END AND LONG LIVE THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION*

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(9) GO ALONG WITH PREMIER CHOU' CALL TO TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMY IN THIS CENTURY AND STRUGGLE HARD TO TURN CHINA INTO A STRONG AND MODERNIZED COUNTRY.

(10) FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PREDECESSORS. LET US SING THE INTERNATIONALE.

FOREVER PROECCT PREMIER CHOU'S GLORIOUS IMAGE*
(BY A TSINGHAU STUDENT--WRITTEN IN BLOOD ON A PIECE
OF WHITE CLOTH AND READ OUT TO CHEERS AND APPLAUSE)

D. EXTRACT AT THE END OF "3 POEMS"

...A GENERATION OF HEROES CREATED OUR WORLD
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE WORRIED
WHO WILL SUCCEED THEM???*

E. AWAKE PREMIER CHOU*

...THE WHOLE ARMY MUST PROTECT THE (4TH NPC) CONSTITUTION.
...ALL THE POLICT MUST PROTECT THE (4TH NPC) CONSTITUTION.

F. BELOVED PREMIER CHOU

WE THE WORKING CLASS WILL MOURN YOU FOREVER. IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT COMMUNISM WE WILL NEVER ALLOW KHRUSHCHEV-TYPE CAREERISTS TO EFFECT RESTORATION IN CHINA*

SIGNED: REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND STAFF OF PEKING
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G. EXTRACT

...THE REVISIONISTS TURFED STALIN OUT OF HIS GRAVE BUT THEY NEVER MANAGED TO DISLODGE HIS MEMORY FROM THE HEARTS OF MEN. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU PREMIER CHOU.

H. EXTRACT

...DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE MARXISM AND STRUGGLE
THROUGH TO THE END AGAINST ALL SORTS OF REVISIONISTS TRAITORS,
AND NEVER ALLOW KHRUSHCHEV-STYLE CAREERISTS TO BRING ABOUT
RESTORATION. TURN YOUR GRIEF INTO STRENGTH AND SWEAR TO CARRY
OUT THE REVOLUTION TO THE END...

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